

From: [Jack Humphreville](#)
To: [Mitch O"Farrell \(councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org\)](mailto:councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org)
Subject: Does DWP Deserve a 30% Rate Increase?
Date: Thursday, July 09, 2015 11:55:10 PM

Does DWP Deserve a 30% Rate Increase?

10 Jul 2015

Written by Jack Humphreville

LA WATCHDOG-Our Department of Water and Power is proposing a 25% to 30% increase in our utility rates over the next five years. This \$1.2 to \$1.4 billion in new revenues will be used to replace aging infrastructure, improve the reliability of service, expand our local water supply, transform our sources of power, improve customer service, and support the Department's \$13 billion, five year capital expenditure program.

This hefty rate hike of 5% a year over five years does not appear to be unreasonable based on presentations by DWP's senior management. This is also an improvement over the 8% annual increase that was floated several months ago that would have cost Ratepayers over \$2 billion a year.

Over the next four months, DWP management will put on a full court press to sell this substantial rate increase to Ratepayers who have serious doubts

.....

<http://www.citywatchla.com/lead-stories-hidden/9293-does-dwp-deserve-a-30-rate-increase>